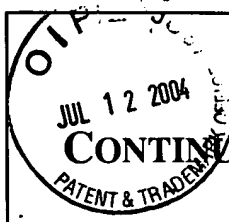


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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Application Number	09/956,925
Confirmation Number	2471
Filing Date	September 21, 2001
First Named Inventor	Hideaki YAGI
Group Art Unit	3743
Examiner Name	Andrea M. Ragonese
Matter Number	Q66253
Title	OXYGEN ENRICHING APPARATUS, CONTROLLER, AND RECORDING MEDIUM

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
previously filed on May 10, 2004
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____

- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other _____

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2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☒ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a
period of 3 Months
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES

Checks for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00, Extension of Time fee (for two (2) months) of \$420.00 and for the
Petition fee (Suspension of Action) of \$130.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all
required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any
overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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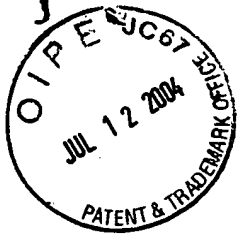
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For: OXYGEN ENRICHING APPARATUS, CONTROLLER, AND RECORDING MEDIUM

REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)

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Sir:

Concurrent with the filing of a RCE, Applicants respectfully request a Suspension of Action for a period of three (3) months, in order to prepare a Response further taking into consideration the Examiner's comment as set forth in the Advisory Action dated June 29, 2004.

A check for the Petition fee of \$130.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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